GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:183
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ACUTE DROUGHT CONDITION IN MAHARASHTRA
PRABHA RAU;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large part of Maharashtra is facing acute drought condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the number of people working under the employment guarantee scheme is also likely to go upto 5 lakh;

(d) whether the State Government requested the Union Government to depute a team to assess the situation;

(e) whether the Central team visited the State and submitted its report;

(f) if so, whether grant of Rs.500 crores sought by the State Government from the NationalCalamity Relief Fund to meet the drought conditions was agreed to; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor and the amount of financial assistance provided to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government of Maharashtra have reported that 16 districts of the State have been affected by drought.

(c): The State Government had intimated dailylabour attendance of 3.56 lakhs during May, 2002 and had anticipated daily labour attendance of 3.91 lakhs during June, 2002, under the scheme.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir.

(f) & (g): 1st instalment of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2002-03 amountingto Rs. 64.995 crore has been released to the State for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. The State Government had requested for assistance of Rs. 500 crore under the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wakeof drought and the matter is under process.